

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3525  
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TRIBAL LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether more than 80 per cent of tribals in the country are living below the poverty line (BPL);
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of centrally sponsored schemes particularly for the upliftment of standard of living of the tribals;
- (d) the achievements made thereunder so far, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the State Governments and UT Administrations during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

- (a) & (b): As per the latest estimates of poverty for the year 2009-10, the population of Scheduled Tribes living below poverty line is 47.4% in rural areas and 30.4% in urban areas. Data indicating percentage of ST population below poverty line State-wise for 2009-10 and 2004-05 is at Annexure-I.
- (c): The details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), are : (i) Post Matric Scholarships for ST students, (ii) Hostels for ST Boys and ST Girls, (iii) Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas, and (iv) Research, Information and Mass Education, Tribal Festival and others.
- (d): The improvements made in the conditions of the Scheduled Tribes shows that there has been an increase in literacy rate, gross enrolment ratio and reduction in the dropout rates at the primary, elementary and secondary stages of education, since 1991, and also increase in work participation rate for STs vis-À-vis the total population as per 2001 Census.
- (e): The details of funds released and utilized by the State Governments and UT Administrations during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-II.